Present: the Chair of the Council (Dame Ursula Brennan); the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Karen Cox); the Deputy Chair of the Council (Bob Scruton); Colin Carmichael; Martin Cook; Mark Ellis; Joshua Frost; Sarah Gibson; Dr Owen Lyne; Gabriel MacGregor; Mark Malcomson; Andrew Newell; Mark Preston; Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura; Professor Richard Reece; Patrick Stillman; Zarafshaan Tahir; Sir David Warren; Professor Iain Wilkinson; Zoe Wood.

In attendance: Chief Financial Officer (Jane Higham); Financial Improvement Director (Peter Pentecost); Director of Governance and Assurance (Secretary to Council) (Dr Sinead Critchley); Head of Corporate Governance (Deputy Secretary to Council) (Jo Pearsall).


The meeting was held online through Microsoft Teams in recognition of the Government requirement to stay at home to mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

5368 CHAIR’S INTRODUCTION

There were no declarations of interest.

5369 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 27 November 2020, Paper C2020/031, were approved with minor amendments and would be signed by the Chair in due course.

5370 MATTERS ARISING

The Chair presented the Action Log, Paper C2020/032, and confirmed that the actions would be picked up at the February 2021 meeting.

It was agreed that this Action Log would be presented in a different format in future, so that it was easier to read.

ACTION: Secretary to Council

5371 MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

The Chair presented Paper C2020/038, the updated Modern Slavery Statement, for Council to approve. There were no comments or questions raised.

Council approved the statement.

It was noted that the Chair would be asked to sign a copy of the Statement, for the record, and that this would be updated on the University website by the end of January 2021.

ACTION: Secretary to Council
STUDENT RECRUITMENT FOR 2020/2021  
(Confidential to Council)

VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT’S COMMUNICATIONS  
(Confidential to Council)

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
(Commercial in confidence)

COUNCIL SECRETARIAT  
(Confidential to Council)

DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2020/2021

Friday 22 January 2021 (Business and Strategy meeting, full day)  
Friday 5 February 2021 (half day meeting)  
Friday 26 March 2021 (full day meeting)  
Friday 14 May 2021 (half day meeting)  
Friday 25 June 2021 (full day meeting)  

All meetings will start at 10:30am and will be held via MS Teams unless otherwise indicated.

Notes

1. Papers  
Copies are available on the Council eboard portal (Diligent Boards) or on request from the Secretary. Approved Minutes and many of the papers are published on the University website at https://kent.ac.uk/governance/council/index.html.

2. Queries  
Any queries should be addressed to Dr Sinead Critchley, Director of Governance and Assurance (Secretary to Council), (email: S.Critchley-2002@kent.ac.uk).

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